

REMARKS

Claims 18-23 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 18 and 19 are amended and claim 22 is cancelled; claims 20-21 and 23 remain unchanged.

In view of the lack of claim rejections based on the references of record (i.e., 35 USC 102 and 103 rejections), Applicants believe that the currently pending claims define subject matter patentable over the references of record. Accordingly, the only remaining issue is a 35 USC §112 rejection of claim 22. Upon cancellation of claim 22, this issue is moot.

35 USC §112 (¶2)

In the Advisory Action dated September 8, 2005, the Examiner stated that the Amendment dated August 15, 2005, was not entered because the proposed amendments raised new issues that would require further consideration and/or search. In particular, the Examiner stated that claim 22 recites a function without the structure necessary to carry out the function and that the amendment created a 35 USC § 112, second paragraph issue.

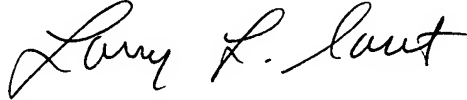
Moreover, the Examiner stated, and it is gratefully acknowledged, that newly amended claims 18-21 and 23 listed in the Amendment dated August 15, 2005, would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim. Thus, claim 22 has been cancelled. It is respectfully requested that the rejection of claims 18-21 and 23 be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, the entry of the present Amendment and allowance of claims 18-21 and 23 are respectfully requested.

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